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Ex parte ANDREW E. SUHY and BRENT C. PARENT

Application No. 09/441,289

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 29, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on April 28, 2003 (Paper No. 30). It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or whether the examiner notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for consideration of the IDS filed April 28, 2003 (Paper No. 30), notification to appellants in writing of consideration and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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